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# Agents of Change . . . ?

By Lt. Col. Jeff Zillinger 117<sup>th</sup> ARS Commander

Will there be more change here at Forbes? Uncertainty and confusion? You bet! What will BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) do to us? How will it affect us? Our mission? Our base? Will we be deployed? For how long? Where? To set the record straight; I don't have a crystal ball, nor am I militarily or politically connected enough to know what will happen in the future at Forbes or the Air National Guard in Kansas. But I do know this: change will happen, whether we want it to or not. How successful we'll be in adapting to change is up to us. We can direct it, try to guide it and engage it to make it part of us. Engage in the positive aspects of change and, in effect, become "Agents of Change."

Although everyone wants certainty and stability, in their jobs and their lives, the only thing that's really 'certain' and constant is change. Change will happen and it's been happening here at Forbes. Just look at our front gate and access road; that's our most recent change. To compliment that, our new headquarters building has been approved and will break ground later this summer. This and a long list of construction past improvements; to include our hanger modifications, new runway surfacing, new ramp, and new combined medical and communications facility, show that constantly are

maintaining and improving our physical structures to continue to train our personnel and improve our mission readiness. On the personnel side, we continue to recruit, retain, promote and retire. People, the life blood of our organization, are constantly changing. Changing career fields, changing responsibilities; you name it and we'll change it. Once again, change is everywhere and constant.

Yet, for a long time, Forbes has been insulated from certain changes. We've been flying the KC-135 since 1979. During that time, we've become experts in weapons system's maintenance, application and deployment. For the past fifteen years we've been the most deployed, operational unit in the Kansas Army and Air We've done it: operational contingencies, alert, aerial expeditions and war. Every area of our base has been affected, time and time again. During that time other units, including our sister unit in Wichita, have experienced major change. All that time while we were flying the tanker, the 184th has flown the F4, F16, B1 and now the KC-135. What will happen in the future, to us and the 184th? Who knows? Here's what I do know; change is here and here to stay.

So that brings us to the present. We've all heard rumors of what BRAC can do. We've all heard rumors of mission changes, aircraft changes and everything else under the sun. Some of the



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rumors sound great; others, not so good. Depending on who you are and what you do changes the 'flavor' of each rumor. As Colonel Burden said at last UTA's Commander's Call, he (and myself as well) knows nothing of any proposed change to this unit and its mission. He went on to indicate that when he knows something, we'll all know something. I can guarantee that information will travel fast.

few weeks the recommendations of the BRAC committee will be presented. Our Senators, Congressmen, Governors and Generals all believe our future is secure. I know of no reason to doubt that information. But, for all the uncertainty, I know one thing. Change will happen. Get ready. Embrace change and make it work for you. Stay connected to commanders supervisors as they'll be the first to know. After all, we all are "Agents of Change."

# Wing Inspector General Program

By Lt. Col. Joyce Zillinger 190<sup>th</sup> Inspector General

"What exactly can I come talk to you about?" I was posed this question during the March UTA and it made me realize it is a good time to remind everybody of the role of the Wing Inspector General (IG).

IG's are a part of a unit to provide assistance or referral, as appropriate, to unit members when they have a concern or complaint. The Wing IG performs analysis and preliminary investigation at the unit level and only investigates noncriminal activities.

AFI 90-301 governs established IG procedures. This AFI provides an avenue for military members, civilian members, their dependents; or someone on their behalf; to present a complaint to his or her supervisor, First sergeant, com-

mander, someone higher in the chain of command, or the IG. As ANG members, you are entitled to lodge complaints of what you believe to be matters of fraud, waste, and abuse or abuse of authority to an IG at any level. All complaints are handled confidentially, quickly, and fairly. Your identity is protected, and reprisals are thoroughly and expeditiously investigated.

First and foremost, I urge you to report issues through your chain of command or first sergeant. In the event you are unable to get assistance in resolving an issue or are unsure what agency can provide you assistance, then you should consider contacting the IG.

The bottom line is that the Wing IG office is here to ensure the highest degree of mission accomplishment through proper adherence to directives and policy, appropriate use of resources,

### **Contacting the IG Office**

#### **During UTA's:**

 Stop by the Wing IG's office which is located at the north end of Wing Headquarters

or

•Use the IG hotline at ext 4798 (off base 785-861-4798). If you reach voicemail, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible

or

•Send an email to joyce.zillinger@kstope.ang.af.mil

#### During the month:

-Call Lt. Col. Zillinger's cell phone at 785-221-6171.

and fair and equitable treatment of personnel. Please call or stop by if you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss.

## MG Rueger

# Kansas Guardsmen mourn the passing of Maj Gen Rueger

Retired Kansas Adjutant General James F. Rueger died on April 16, 2005 following a two-week hospitalization for cancer at Bryan-LGH Medical Center East in Lincoln, Neb.

Maj. Gen. Rueger, the state's 32<sup>nd</sup> Adjutant General, served an eight-year term beginning in 1990 as head of the Kansas National Guard, retiring in February 1999.

Rueger, 67, was born Sept. 24, 1937, in Marshall County's Axtell community, graduating from the former Beattie High School in 1955 and completing a bachelor of science degree in 1987 from Kansas State University.

A spokeswoman at the family home in Beattie said Rueger had been diagnosed with cancer last summer but had felt well enough in February to attend a welcome home ceremony in Manhattan for the 130th Kansas Army National Guard field artillery battalion based in Hiawatha.

In recent weeks, Rueger's cancer symptoms had suddenly worsened, the spokeswoman said, prompting the decision to readmit him to the hospital.

Rueger began his military career in 1957, receiving basic and advanced U.S. Army training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Five years later, Rueger completed the Kansas Army National Guard's officer candidate school and was commissioned a second lieutenant on Oct. 25, 1962.

Rueger was appointed adjutant general on Dec. 1, 1990, by former Gov. Mike Hayden. He received his promotion to major general in March 1991.

Rueger was inducted into the Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame

board of governors in November. A softball complex bearing his name was dedicated at 2801 S. Kansas Ave. in June 1999.



MG James Rueger Kansas' 32<sup>nd</sup> Adjutant General

In coelo quies est "In Heaven there is rest"

# National Day of Prayer breakfast set for 8 May 2005

By Chaplain (Lt. Col) David Olsen 190<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Services

In the heart of every man, women and child is the yearning to look up to God for help. Scripture says, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him to all who call on Him in truth" (Psalm 145:18). The 190<sup>th</sup> ARW's tradition of an Annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast gives us the opportunity as a wing to look to God in Prayer. The Prayer Breakfast will begin at 0730 on Sunday, May 8 at the Coyote Café. This is an ecumenical prayer service designed to enrich and deepen the spiritual lives of all military and civilian personnel.

This year's guest speaker will be Mr. Danan Hughes, former wide receiver for the Kansas City Chiefs. Danan and his wife Tifanni have five children (Jessicah, Joey, Taurin, Savana and Talyn).

Hughes received a scholarship to the University of Iowa to play baseball and football in 1988. He was drafted by the K.C. Chiefs in 1993 in the 7<sup>th</sup> round. He played six years for the Chiefs from 1993-1998, serving as team captain for three of the six years. Hughes retired in 1999 after a brief stint with the New Orleans Saints.

Hughes points to training camp 1997 as to when his personal relationship with Jesus Christ began. Currently Hughes serves as a board member of the FCA-Baseball division and is a member of the Abundant Life Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday school for three years. He also devotes his time to The Rainbow Center, Lee's Summit Community Christian School and various church fundraising events.

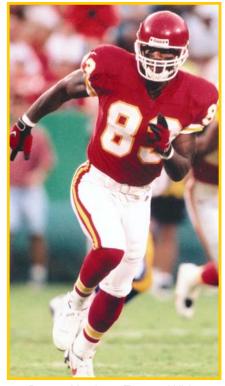
Although he left the Chiefs in 1998 Hughes stays connected to the organization as a member of the Chief's Ambassadors, a group of former Chiefs players who represent the Chiefs organization in the community.

Hughes also serves as a television analyst with Metro Sports and Channel 5 during the Chief's season and the high school baseball and football seasons. He also coaches varsity football at Lee's Summit High School.

This year's music will be provided by the Chased by Grace band led by Adam Norris.

Chased by Grace is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for worship and prayer for all people with a love of Christ and a heart for Him. Their ministry's goal is to build up believers and draw people into the love of Christ and the fellowship of his Church.

Chased by Grace band members are: Adam Norris (Worship leader), Thad Lockard (Percussion), Travis Linder (Piano) and Chris Sabes (Drums).



Danan Hughes, Former Wide Receiver with the Kansas City Chiefs will serve as the 2005 guest speaker (Photo provided)



Sunday, May 8, 2005 Coyote Cafe \$2.00 per person (pay at the door) 0730: Breakfast 0800: Program

# Mark your calendars for the 190th Friends & Family Day 2005 ~ Saturday, 4 June, 2005

Please join us on 4 June for a day of fun in the sun at the 190th! Events will include:

- Volleyball Tournament
- Petting Zoo
- Car Show
- 190th History Exhibit
- Health & Wellness Fair
- Face Painting
- Climbing Wall
- And Much More!



Look for more information and the day's agenda in the next issue of the Coyote Log

# Enlisted Force Structure ~ Defining our role

Clearly defining our purpose and development as an enlisted corps is more critical today than ever before. Our Airmen have been called to action in many different, and sometimes non-traditional capacities. The challenges have been great and often unfamiliar. Through your dedicated service and sacrifice we've met those challenges straight on, and have grown tremendously since the Global War on Terror began.

To keep at the top of our game, every Airman must know and understand their role in this fight and in our Air Force, today and tomorrow. It's the enlisted force structure that defines us as Airmen, rather than merely specialists. In recent months, we've spent a great deal of time and talent to improve this AFI to ensure we not only meet today's requirements, but also are ready to face any adversary at any time.

The revised Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure, lays out

concise standards, expectations and opportunities for every enlisted Airman. The foundation of the profession of arms has to begin with our core values, Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence. These values, along with the basic roles and responsibilities needed to accomplish the mission, form our foundation a rock-solid foundation. This instruction establishes general Airmen responsibilities and refines both general and specific responsibilities for each level of the enlisted force. We have clearly defined enlisted knowledge and performance levels while incorporating the Tactical, Operational, and Strategic levels of leadership and development. Additionally, we have described some of the special SNCO job opportunities, such as Group Superintendents and Command Chief Master Sergeants.

One of the most visible aspects of this version of AFI 36-2618 is the standardization of enlisted duty titles. We based titles on a person's primary duties, level of responsibility and rank. A consistent, standard approach gives the title universal meaning. When you reach a superintendent of a wing shop you'll know you are dealing with a SNCO in charge. Today's operations tempo calls for a quick understanding of a person's role. We are facing new challenges everyday and we have to maintain our edge for every angle.

I urge all Airmen to read and understand the Enlisted Force Structure AFI. This is your blueprint for success in our great Air Force....an Air Force revered around the world. Embrace your role and responsibility as an Airman — SNCO, NCO, or junior airman, and we'll continue to be the outstanding enlisted force our nation values, our allies appreciate and our enemies fear.



## **Wilitary Appreciation**

# Royals 2005 Military Appreciation Ticket Program

The Kansas City Royals have announced a special military appreciation ticket program for the 2005 season. The program is designed to honor individuals in all branches of military service, including the National Guard. Active, National Guard, Reserve and retired military personnel and their families will receive free admission to any Sunday-Thursday home game during the 2005 season.

"The Royals want to recognize the unparalleled sacrifices that members of the military make to secure our freedom on a daily basis," said Royals President Dan Glass. "This special program for the 2005 season will enable us to reach out to the military community and provide an

opportunity for these deserving individuals to enjoy a day at the ballpark with their families."





- Individuals must possess a valid military photo ID. Tickets will be limited to the individual and up to three family members.
- Tickets will be available for all Sunday-Thursday home games, based on availability. Due to advance sales, Military tickets for the Sunday May 22 game against the St. Louis Cardinals will not be available.
- Seat locations will be in the lower-level Outfield Plaza sections.
- Tickets will be distributed only on game days at the Guest Ticket Window located on the home plate side of Kauffman Stadium. The window will open 90 minutes prior to the games.

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# Staff Sergeant Joel Pascua



**Organization**: 190th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Job Title: Supply Inspector

Main Responsibility: Material storage and distribution

inspection

Civilian Career: Head of operations for a chemical

information management company

**Education**: Doctoral degree from the University of Kansas

Military Experience: Joined the Kansas Air National

Guard in April 1997.

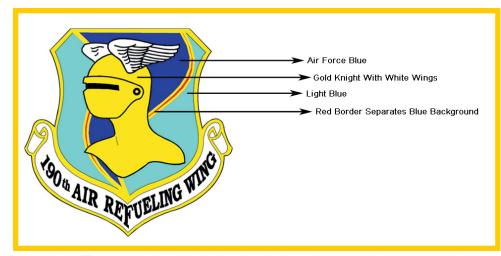
**Goals and Ambitions:** Spend as much time as possible enjoying my family and friends while working hard to climb the corporate ladder and advance my military career.

Hobbies and Activities: Family, keeping up with my retired parents, home and auto repair, hiking, and biking.

**Most Memorable 190<sup>th</sup> moment:** Short, but very memorable deployment to Iraq. The C-130 combat take-off is better than any amusement park ride ever created.

## Coyote Heritage

# Heraldry of the 190th Unit Patch



Now that the unit patches have be distributed, it is important to understand the meaning behind the symbols that make up the patch.

The golden knight symbolizes the ancient nobility and honor of the fighting man and its golden color represents value. The knight's stance symbolizes the eagerness and alertness of the unit to answer the call to service by its country. The white wings of the dove, on the knight's helmet, represent the unit's capacity to fly in the interests of peace and defense of

the nation. The tornado directly behind the knight portrays the power and strength of the unit in its determination to be ready to respond in times of state disaster and national emergency.

The dual red lines represent our dual mission to the state and to the nation, which focuses in point, identifying our singleness of purpose. The blue tornado is Air Force blue, which alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. The yellow of the helmet alludes to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The red, signifies both life and sacrifice. The light blue represents the fading hours of day when the wing still operates, maintaining its steady vigilance. The white border of the shield not only envelops the whole emblem, but indicates loyalty and purpose in fulfilling the unit's mission. The scroll bears the name of the unit and represents the historical record of the unit in serving the country.

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#### **Promotions**

#### <u>A1C</u>

Austin Breuninger, OPS



#### <u>SrA</u>

Gerald D. Baker, CES Jeremy N. Bennett, OPS Andrew J. Lee. MXS Patrick A. Metzger, CES



### **MXG** Top Performer

A1C Andrew Lee completed the Instrument and Flight Conrol Systems Apprentice course with a 96 percent. He received the AETC Distinguished Graduate Award.

# Enlistments, Appointments and Retirements

#### **Enlistments**

SSgt Kevin Carlson, 190 MXS Enlistment Date: 15 Mar 05

SrA Justin Thompson, 190 CES Enlistment Date: 10 Mar 05

SrA Levi Vincent, 190 ARW Enlistment Date: 13 Mar 05

A1C Drew Jahnke, 190 CES Enlistment Date: 17 Mar 05

A1C Russell Essman, 190 MXS Enlistment Date: 21 Mar 05

A1C Albert Orbinati, 190 MXS Enlistment Date: 1 Mar 05

### **Appointments**

Col Edward Flora, JFHQ Appointment Date: 1 Mar 05

2Lt Brandon Wyckoff, 190 STU FLT Appointment Date: 14 Mar 05

#### **Retirements**

LtCol David Couch, 190 MDG Retirement Date: 20 Mar 05

SMSgt Ed Williams, 190 MSF Retirement Date: 27 Feb 05

MSgt Jeffrey Marks, 190 SFS Retirement Date: 28 Feb 05

TSgt Robert Lemons, 190 AMXS Retirement Date: 5 Mar 05

#### **Unit Vacancies**



Pavement and Construction Equipment Apprentice – 3E2X1

ASVAB Score: 40 Mechanical Civilian Driver's License Required 14 Week Tech School in Fort Leonard. Mo

### 190th Chapel Services

Protestant: 0800 - 0830
Latter Day Saints: 1100 - 1130
Catholic: 1345 - 1415
The Base Chapel is located on the
3rd floor of Hangar 662.

### \$ Finance News \$

#### **UTA Pay Dates:**

May UTA: Pays 18 May 2005 June UTA: 15 June 2005 July UTA: 13 July 2005 (JFHQ Only) August UTA: 15 August 2005



To view your LES online visit myPay:

http://www.dfas.mil/mypay

## 190th Vs. 184th





# Air Guard Golf Tournament

Friday May 13, 2005
Twin Lakes Golf Course:

McConnell AFB

Showtime: 8:30 a.m.

Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. (Shotgun start)

Cost: \$35 (includes cart, green fees, lunch, prizes)

To register contact Tsgt. Troy Abel (861-4927)

### Coyote Cafe Menu

#### Saturday May 7

Sloppy Joes
Chicken/ Bacon Cheese
sandwiches
Fried Corn Chips
Curly Fries
Corn
Peas/ Carrots

#### Sunday May 8

#### Prayer Breakfast

Donuts
Assorted Pastries
Biscuits/ Gravy
Bacon
Scrambled Eggs
Assorted Juices

#### <u>Lunch</u>

Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Fish
Mashed Potatoes
Rice
Country Gravy
Green Beans
Mixed Vegetables

### **Hotel for May**

Holidome

## Do you have news to share?

The Coyote Log welcomes articles and captioned photos relevant to members and retirees of the 190th ARW. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits.

The deadline for submission is Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published. Submit articles as e-mail attachments in Microsoft Word format. Photographs must be non-copyrighted prints or 300 dpi or higher TIF or JPG images. Articles and images should be cont to:

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